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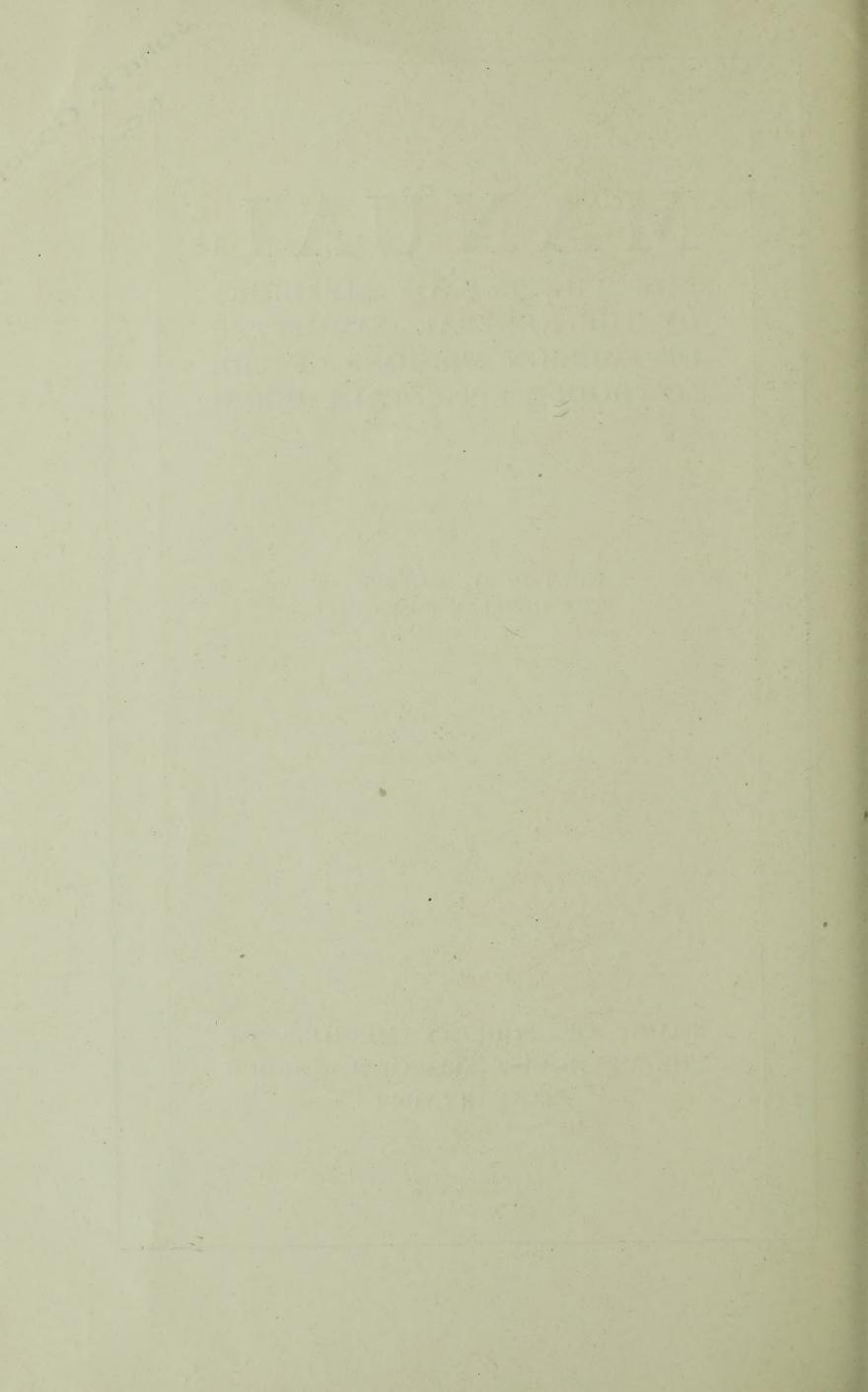
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The Treasurers' Report for the Year Ending October 31, 1911

RECEIPTS FROM CONFERENCES

Conferences, Etc.	Receipts from Nov. 1, 1910,	CONTRACTO ETC	Receipts fro Nov. 1, 191
	Oct. 31, 1911	Conferences, Etc.	Oct. 31, 193
labama	\$388 00	Maine	\$5,175 2
laska	64 00	Malaysia	434 (
rizona rkansas	$\begin{array}{c} 1,131 \ 25 \\ 645 \ 00 \end{array}$	Mexico Michigan	22,842 8
tlanta	573 00	Minnesota	6,133 6
tlantic.	50 00	Mississippi	576 4
ustria-Hungary	43 20	Missouri	5,875 8
ustin	1,834 60	Montana	2,197 5
altimore engal	$\begin{array}{c} 29,956 \ 19 \\ 315 \ 40 \end{array}$	Nebraska Nevada	$11,112 \\ 582 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ $
lack Hills		New England	15,488 0
lue Ridge	232 00	New England Southern	9,242 9
ombay		New Hampshire	4,100 0
ulgaria		New Jersey	15,311 1
urma	$56 80 \\ 8,412 86$	New Mexico English	1,083 (179 (
aliforniaalifornia German		New Mexico Spanish New York	25,879 9
entral Alabama	421 17	New York East	28,338 6
entral China	. 602 75	Newark	26,878 9
entral German	4,714 00	North Andes	55 (
entral Illinois	16,071 75	North Carolina	233 (954 4
entral Missouri entral New York	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	North China North Dakota	3,754 5
entral Ohio		North Germany	1,139
entral Pennsylvania	33,729 07	North India	
entral Provinces	47 38	North Indiana	21,687 4
entral Swedish	2,732 00	North Montana	852 (
entral Tennessee	380 00	North Nebraska	4,900 7
nicago German nile	$3,238 50 \\ 184 00$	North Ohio Northern German	11,412 9 2,059 5
ncinnati	18,108 99	Northern Minnesota	6,051 8
olorado	12,140 08	Northern New York	11,661 0
olunibia River	6,890 29	Northern Swedish	1,113 0
akota	4,548 39	Northwest German	2,336 0
elaware	2,486 50 717 52	Northwest India	$344 \ 0 \\ 11,624 \ 5$
enmark es Moines	17,621 55	Northwest Iowa	16,267 6
etroit	18,802 57	Northwest Kansas	6,734 4
ast Central Africa	11 00	Northwest Nebraska	669 0
ast German	2,649 00	Norway	1,001 3
ast Maine	1,956 80	Norwegian and Danish	2,881 0
ast Ohio ast Oklahoma	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Ohio Oklahoma	$\begin{array}{c} 17,150 \\ 8,787 \\ \end{array}$
ast Tennessee	171 00	Oregon	6,552 0
astern South America	1,223 00	Pacific Chinese	100 (
astern Swedish	1,485 00	Pacific German	896 0
rie	16,324 97	Pacific Japanese	390 0
nland and Saint Petersburg	$\begin{array}{c} 721 & 36 \\ 401 & 45 \end{array}$	Pacific Swedish Philadelphia	645 (36,016 3
ochow	138 28	Philippine Islands	36 (
ance	25 00	Pittsburgh	34,363
nesee	24,253 92	Porto Rico	116 (
orgia	278 50	Puget Sound	9,034
df	1,063 26	Rock River	27,962 3 1,092
ıwaiinghwa	36 79	Saint Johns River Saint Louis	18,318
lston	2,760 75	Saint Louis German	3,459
aho	3,390 86	Savannah	409
nois	23,029 35	South Carolina	2,676
diana	17,386 09	South Florida	79 3
Wa	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	South Germany	1,315 121
llian Mission	320 00	South India South Kansas	10,781
ansas	15,225 99	Southern California.	23,080
entucky	1,494 50	Southern German	1,644 (
orea		Southern Illinois	8,182 (
xington	820 25	Southwest Kansas	17,208 8
beria	279 00	Sweden	4,009 4
ncoln ttle Rock	$\begin{array}{c} 216 \hspace{0.1cm} 20 \\ 334 \hspace{0.1cm} 50 \end{array}$	Switzerland Tennessee	$2,055 \\ 158 $
ouisiana		Texas	

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Treasurers' Report-Continued

Conferences, Etc.	Receipts from Nov. 1, 1910, to Oct. 31, 1911	Conferences, Etc.	Receipts from Nov. 1, 1910, to Oct. 31, 1911
Troy. Upper Iowa. Upper Mississippi. Utah. Vermont. Washington. West Central Africa. West China. West German. West German. West Nebraska. West Texas.	16,796 02	West Virginia West Wisconsin Western Norwegian-Danish Western Swedish Wilmington Wisconsin Wyoming (Conference) Wyoming (Mission) Total from Conferences	$5,911 43 \\ 468 00 \\ 1,639 00 \\ 14,321 00 \\ 9,797 32 \\ 19,008 75 \\ 897 00$

RECAPITULATION OF REGULAR RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Regular Receipts

Conference Collections	\$1,040,215	66
Lapsed Annuity Funds	3,321	03
Legacies	27,879	00
Miscellaneous Receipts	1,581	92
Total Regular Receipts	\$1,072,997	99

Regular Disbursements

Austria-Hungary	\$3.418 33
Bengal	18,743 56
	7 400 69
Bolivia	7,480 63
Bombay	31,562 01
Bulgaria	9,835 40
	12,662 09
Burma.	
Central China.	38,313 82
Central Provinces	27,841 23
Chile	28,096 07
China (General Editorial, Educational, and Publishing Work)	9,873 70
China (General Editorial, Educational, and I donsning Work)	0,010 10
Denmark. East Central Africa (including Inhambane, \$2,777.71, and Rhodcsia, \$13,709.28)	8,231 86
East Central Africa (including Inhambane, \$2,777.71, and Rhodcsia, \$13,709.28)	16,486 99
East Japan	47,198 64
Eastern South America.	53,859 69
Dasien boutin America	
Finland and Saint Petersburg	11,989 77
Foochow	32,068 70
France	7.015 50
Germany and Switzerland (for Martin Mission Institute)	1.496 20
Hinghwa	14,879 18
Italy	58,448 14
Korea	44,913 24
Liberia	16,848 13
M La	
Malaysia	28,480 37
Mexico	61,055 22
North Africa	8,315 47
North Andes (including Panama, \$2,992.67, and Peru, \$17,701.28)	20,693 95
Note Alies	51,932 64
North China	01,904 04
North Germany.	15,794 11
North India	66.054 52
Northwest India	39,155 42
	12,762 90
Norway	
Philippine Islands	32,192 80
South Germany	18,628 49
South India	32,890 48
Sweden	16,493 68
Oweden	
Switzerland	8,596 01
West Central Africa (including Angola, \$11,986, and Madeira Islands, \$3,541.43)	15,527 43
West China	24,166 51
West Japan	22,511 95
	22,011 00
	0070 F1 1709
Total charged to Missions	\$976,514*83
Support of Missionary Bishops	1 24,250 00
Incidental Needs of Missions (not including \$38,965.42 charged to Mission accounts)	
incidental Needs of Missions (not including \$58,905.42 charged to Mission accounts)	
Allowances for Retired Missionaries, Widows, and Orphans	21,975 50
Publication Fund	34,043 18
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Recapitulation of Regular Receipts and Disbursements-Continued

Young People's Work	\$6,643 52
Salaries (and Expenses) of Field Secretaries	15,958 21
Cooperation in Laymen's Missionary Movement	13,670 61
Salaries of Office Secretaries	14.000 00
Office and General Committee Expenses.	
Miscellaneous Expenses (including Interest, net, \$3,180.76)	13,944 70
Total Regular Disbursements	\$1.146.363 51
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MONTHLY STATEMENT

Date	Treasury in Debt, Nov. 1, 1910	Receipts	Disbursements	Treasury in Debt on the Last Day of Each Month
November, 1910	\$98,610 62	\$26,322 90	\$88,19951	\$160,487 23
December, 1910		23,360 19	124,17531	261,302 35
January, 1911		12,590 78	94,45406	343,165 63
February		10,598 53	100,46745	433,034 55
March		107,510 71	93,86433	419,388 17
April		274,042 97	82,51187	227,857 07
May		20,469 23	109,83179	317,219 63
June		18,537 03	91,51899	390,201 59
July		14,833 20	75,58494	450,953 33
August		20,356 73	97,54096	528,137 56
September		214,746 09	88,545 60	401,937 07
October		329,629 63	99,668 70	171,976 14
Total		\$1,072,997 99	\$1,146,363 51	\$

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REGULAR RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS AND SPECIAL GIFTS

Summary of Regular Receipts and Disbursements

Disbursements from November 1, 1910, to October 31, 1911 Receipts from November 1, 1910, to October 31, 1911	\$1,146,363 1,072,997	51 99
Disbursements in excess of Receipts Balance, Treasury in dcbt, November 1, 1910	\$73,365 98,610	
Balance, Treasury in Debt, November 1, 1911	\$171,976	14
Summary of Special Gifts		
Balance on hand November 1, 1910 Receipts during the year	\$23,515 438,126	45 43
Disbursements during the year	\$461,641 411,048	88 65
Balance, Special Gifts on hand, November 1, 1911	\$50,593	23
Combined Receipts		
Regular Receipts from November 1, 1910, to November 1, 1911 Special Gifts Receipts from November 1, 1910, to November 1, 1911	\$1,072,997 438,126	99 43
_ Total	\$1,511,124	42
Combined Disbursements		
Regular Disbursements from November 1, 1910, to November 1, 1911 Special Gifts disbursed from November 1, 1910, to November 1, 1911	\$1,146,363 411,048	$\begin{array}{c} 51 \\ 65 \end{array}$
Total	\$1,557,412	16

HOMER EATON, Treasurer. H. C. JENNINGS, Assistant Treasurer. Appropriations for 1912

I.—APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MISSIONS TO BE ADMINISTERED DIRECTLY BY THE BOARD

(1)	Support of Missionary Bishops	\$24,250
(2)	Emergeneies in the Missions	50,000
(3)	Incidental needs of the Missions	30,000
(4)	Allowanees for retired missionaries, widows, and orphans	23,000
•		\$127,250

II.—APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MISSION FIELDS

Note.—All appropriations are to be distributed by the Finance Committees of the respective Missions, with the eoncurrence of the presiding Bishop and the approval of the Board of Managers. In the distribution of the appropriations, if, in the judgment of the Finance Committees of the respective Missions, the Bishops in eharge, and the Board of Managers, any part thereof can be applied to property, it may be done.

DIVISION 1.—Eastern Asia

I.	China:	(1) FOOCHOW CONFERENCE	\$27,665	
		(2) HINGHWA CONFERENCE	13,722	
		(3) CENTRAL CHINA CONFERENCE	37,479	
		(4) North China Conference	50,363	
		(5) West China Mission Conference	22,874	
		Union Publishing House	1,500	
		Salary and rent for editor	1,000	
		Interest on loan to Publishing House	1,000	
		Salary and traveling expenses of F. D. Gamewell	2,000	
		Salary of Speneer Lewis	1,300	
			\$	\$158,903
2	Japan:	(1) East Japan Conference.	\$38,209	
	Jupun	(2) WEST JAPAN CONFERENCE (of which \$500 shall be for evangelistic work in the	<i>\$00,200</i>	
		Loochoo Islands)	21,150	
		Interest on Publishing House debt	3,000	
		Aoyama Gakuin (Theological School)	750	
		Total for Japan	•••••	63,109
3.	Korea C	onference		38,679
		Total for Eastern Asia	\$	260,691

DIVISION 2.—Southern Asia

	 North India Conference. Northwest India Conference. South India Conference. Central Provinces Mission Conference. Bombay Conference. Bengal Conference. 	-31.537	
Ì	7) BURMA MISSION CONFERENCE.		
	- Total for India	•••••	\$185,476
2. Malaysia:	 MALAYSIA CONFERENCE. PHILIPPINE ISLANDS CONFERENCE (of which \$500 may be applied for Central Church, Manila). 		
	- Total for Malaysia	• • • • • • •	48,043
	Total for Southern Asia	•••••	\$233,519

DIVISION 3.—Africa

 Liberia Conference. East Central Africa Mission Conference. West Central Africa Mission Conference. North Africa Mission. 	14,434 12.389	
Total for Africa	•••••	\$45,843

DIVISION 4.—South America

1. Eastern South America	Conference		\$52,113	
2. Chile Conference:	(1) Chile	\$23,395		
	(2) Bolivia	5,000	28.395	
3. North Andes Mission Conference:	 (1) Ecuador and Peru (2) Panama 	\$15,310 2.000	20,000	
			17,310	
	Total for South America	 • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • •	\$97,818

DIVISION 5.-Mexico

\$58,662 Mexico Conference.....

DIVISION 6.—Europe

 Austria-Hungary Mission Conference. North Germany Conference. South Germany Conference. Martin Mission Institute. Switzerland Conference. 	\$5,032 15,000 18,000 1,000 7,000
6. Norway Conference:	
For the work	12,050
7. Sweden Conference:	
For the work\$13,570For Theological School at Upsala, at disposal of resident Bishop1,500For interest230	
8. Denmark Conference.	15,300 7,600
9. Finland Conference:	
For the work	
 10. Russia Mission 11. Bulgaria Mission Conference 12. Italy Conference 13. France Mission Conference 14. Italian Chuich in Zutich 	7,615 4,500 9,500 $54,2786,8401,000$
Total for Europe	\$164,715

III.-GENERAL EXPENSES

1.--Expenses of Collection

(1) Publication Fund.\$15,000(2) Young People's Work.7,500(3) Field Secretaries.10,000(4) Coöperation with the Laymen's Missionary Movement.10,000	\$42,500						
2.—Expenses of Administration							
(1) Office Secretaries \$14,000 (2) Office and General Committee expenses 18,000	32,000						
3.—Miscellaneous							
Miscellaneous, including interest on debt	10,000						
Total	\$84,500						
RECAPITULATION I. APPROPRIATIONS FOR MISSIONS, to be administered directly by the Board. \$ II. APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE MISSION FIELDS: \$158,903 (1) China. \$158,903 (2) Japan. 63,109 (3) Korea. 38,679 (4) India. 185,476 (5) Malaysia. 48,043 (6) Africa 45,843	3127,230						
(7) South America 97,818 (8) Mexico 58,662 (9) Europe 164,715	861,248 84,500						

Grand Total	\$1,072,998

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Debt and Emergency Fund

A plan was adopted embodying the following features:

- I. An immediate appeal to the church for \$200,000, a committee preparing an appeal to be published in the church papers, to be sent to pastors, district superintendents, and churches.
- II. A provisional division of the debt among individuals and among churches in proportion to the salary paid.
- III. A commission to coöperate with the Missionary Office in securing the amount of the debt. This commission was constituted by the appointment of Bishops Hamilton, Wilson, and Lewis, G. P. Eckman, J. E. Leaycraft, E. S. Tipple, F. A. Horne.
- IV. The immediate securing of names and addresses of men who may be reasonably solicited for the various sums necessary to clear the debt.
 - V. A sub-committee to prepare appeal. Bishop Hamilton, A. B. Leonard, E. A. Schell, and G. P. Eckman were appointed.

Apportionments

- I. Basis: The sum of \$1,500,000 was adopted as a basis of apportionments for the coming year.
- II. Plan: The following plan was adopted, having been previously approved by a joint sub-committee, representing the Board of Foreign Missions, the Board

of Home Missions and Church Extension and the Freedmen's Aid Society. I. That the apportionments for the various Boards and Societies be sent out from one office.

2. That the equitable apportionment plan already tried be used as the basis.

3. That the Rev. W. B. Hollingshead, D.D., be employed as the joint agent of the Board of Foreign Missions, Board of Home Missions, Freedmen's Aid Society, Board of Sunday Schools, and such other Boards as may coöperate, his salary and the support of the office to be met by the coöperating Boards and Societies, each paying a pro rata share, according to the annual income of each, exclusive of special gifts.

4. That these recommendations be referred to the various Boards for action.

Korea Quarter-Centennial

The period for the Quarter-Centennial Campaign was extended to March 1, 1912.

The Newman Trust for Work in Jerusalem

The General Committee recommended that the Board of Foreign Missions receive and administer the property in Jerusalem and the residue of the Newman estate in the hands of Lemuel Skidmore, Esq., and Rev. J. Sumner Stone, as trustees of the estate, in accordance with a proposition submitted by the said trustees.

Report of Treasurer

The following was adopted:

We heartily and strongly commend the clear, accurate, and comprehensive report of the Treasurer and assure him of our appreciation of his care and labor in preparing the same. We approve of his giving the detailed items in the various departments and recommend that in the Report hereafter a comparative statement be given of the receipts of the previous year from the Annual Conferences and also that comparative statements be given of amounts expended for miscellaneous items, especially where the expenditure exceeds the 'appropriation or materially exceeds the amount expended the previous year. We also recommend that, if possible, the report be audited before being presented to the General Committee.

Special Gifts

The Committee of General Reference recommended that the General Committee adopt the following:

That the General Conference be memorialized to amend paragraph 379 of the Discipline, by inserting after the words "specified purpose," the sentence: "The Board shall exercise general supervision over appeals for special gifts and shall make such regulations as may be necessary"; by omitting from the last sentence the words: "in full"; and by adding to the last sentence the words: "and shall bear their proportion of the general administration expenses," so that the whole paragraph as amended, shall read:

Credit shall be given for special gifts from any charge, when said charge, including the Sunday school, shall have raised its full apportionments for the Board of Foreign Missions and such special donation shall be received by the Board for the specified purpose. The Board shall exercise general supervision over appeals for special gifts and shall make such regulations as may be necessary. Special donations shall be applied to the purposes designated by their donors, but shall be included in estimating the cost of collection and administration and shall bear their proportion of the general administration expenses.

This recommendation was referred to the Board, with a request that the whole question involved be carefully studied and that such action be taken as the judgment of the Board may approve.

Peace Treaties

The following was adopted:

Resolved, By the General Committee of Foreign Missions, representing the ministers and laymen of the Methodist Episcopal Church throughout the world, that we respectfully urge the United States Senate to ratify the peace treaties now pending before that body, believing that they will promote friendly relations between the nations immediately concerned and also between all the nations of the world.

That the Secretary of this General Committee send copies of this action to President Taft and to Vice-President Sherman.

Suppression of the Opium Evil

The General Committee of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, having been informed of the proposed international Conference for the suppression of the opium evil, called at The Hague, for December, 1911, take the following action: I. It is urged that this Conference be not again postponed unless some utterly

imperative reason demands such postponement. 2. It is even more earnestly urged that this Conference use all its power to

secure the international prohibition of the opium traffic at the earliest possible time. 3. That the Rev. H. C. Stuntz, D.D., and Mr. George W. F. Swartzell are appointed a committee to present these resolutions to President Taft and to offer him our grateful appreciation for calling this Conference.

General Committee of 1912

1. *Place*.—An invitation was received from Spokane, Washington. The General Committee directed that thanks be extended to the representatives of Spokane Methodism for the invitation, but referred the question of the place of meeting to the Board of Managers with power.

2. Date.—The following resolution was adopted :

That the officers of the Board of Foreign Missions be directed to communicate with the Board of Bishops, officers of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension and of Freedmen's Aid Society, to take into account the dates of the meetings of the several general committees and arrange them in such wise that the members of the general committees may be at home on election day as far as practicable.

CONSTITUTION OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

Adopted by the General Conference in 1908

ARTICLE I

NAME AND OBJECT

The name of this organization shall be the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Its objects are religious and philanthropic, designed to diffuse more generally the blessings of Christianity, by the promotion and support of Christian Missions and educational institutions in foreign countries, and also in other places subject to the sovereignty of the United States which are not on the continent of North America or the islands adjacent thereto, as may be committed to the care of said organization by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, under such rules and regulations as said General Conference may from time to time prescribe.

ARTICLE II

LIFE MEMBERS, HONORARY MEMBERS, AND PATRONS

All members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, contributing to the funds of the Board of Foreign Missions, shall be nominally members of said Board. Any person contributing \$20 at one time shall be a Life Member. Any person giving \$200 at one time shall be an Honorary Life Member. Any person giving \$500 at one time shall be an Honorary Manager for life, and any person giving \$1,000 at one time shall be a Patron for life; and such Manager or Patron shall be entitled to a seat and the right of speaking, but not of voting, in the meetings of the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE III

GENERAL COMMITTEE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

There shall be a General Committee of Foreign Missions, composed of the General Superintendents, the Missionary Bishops, the Corresponding Secretary, the First Assistant Corresponding Secretary, the Recording Secretary, the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer, two representatives, one lay and one ministerial, from each General Conference District, and as many representatives from the Board of Managers as there are General Conference Districts.

The representatives of the Board of Managers shall be elected by the Board from its own members, and shall include as nearly as may be an equal number of Ministers and Laymen.

The representatives of the General Conference Districts shall be elected by the General Conference, on the nominations of the delegates within said districts, respectively, for a term of four years.

The Board of Bishops shall fill any vacancy that may occur among members appointed by the General Conference, so that each General Conference District may be fully represented at each annual meeting.

The General Committee of Foreign Missions shall meet annually at such place in the United States as the General Committee, from year to year, may determine, and at such time in the month of November as shall be determined by the Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurers, of which due notice shall be given to each member; and the Bishops shall preside over the deliberations of the General Committee. But the annual meeting of the said Committee shall not be held in the same General Conference District more frequently than once in four years.

Said General Committee of Foreign Missions shall determine what fields shall be occupied as Foreign Missions, and the amount necessary for the support of each, and shall make appropriations for the same, including an Emergency Fund of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000); provided, the General Committee of Foreign Missions shall not appropriate for a given year, including the emergency appropriation of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), more than the total income for the year immediately preceding. In the intervals between the meetings of the General Committee of Foreign Missions the Board of Managers may provide, from the Emergency Fund, for any unforeseen emergency that may arise in any of our Foreign Missions.

The General Committee of Foreign Missions shall be amenable to the General Conference, to which it shall make a full report of its doings. Any expense incurred in the discharge of its duties shall be paid from the treasury of the Board of Foreign Missions.

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ARTICLE IV

BOARD OF MANAGERS

The management and disposition of the affairs and property of the Board of Foreign Missions and the administration of the appropriations and all other funds shall be vested in a Board of Managers, consisting of the General Superintendents and the Missionary Bishops, who shall be ex-officio members of said Board, thirty-two Laymen, and thirty-two Traveling Ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, elected by the General Conference, according to the requirements of the existing Charter of said Board of Foreign Missions. Vacancies in the Board shall be filled as the Charter provides; and the absence, without reasonable excuse, of any member from six consecutive meetings of the Board shall create a vacancy. The Board shall also have authority to make By-laws, not inconsistent with this Constitution or the Charter, to print books, periodicals, and tracts for Foreign Missions; to elect a President, Vice-Presidents, and a Recording Secretary, also such additional Assistant Secretaries as may be necessary; to fill vacancies that may occur among the officers elective of its own body; and shall present a statement of its transactions and funds to the Church in its annual report, and shall also lay before the General Conference a report of its transactions for the preceding four years, and the state of its funds.

The Board of Foreign Missions shall have power to suspend a Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, or any elected member of the Board of Managers, for cause to them sufficient; and a time and place shall be fixed by the Board of Managers, at as early a day as practicable, for the investigation of the official conduct of the person against whom complaint has been made. Due notice shall be given by the Board to the Bishops, who shall select one of their number to preside at the investigation, which shall be before a committee of twelve persons, six Ministers and six Laymen, none of whom shall be members of the Board of Managers. Said Committee shall be appointed by the Bishop selected to preside at the investigation. Two thirds of said Committee shall have power of removal from office, in the interval of General Conference, of the official against whom complaint has been made.

In case a vacancy shall occur in the office of Corresponding Secretary, First Assistant Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, or Assistant Treasurer, the Bishops shall have power to fill the vacancies; and, until they do so, the Board of Managers shall provide for the duties of the office.

Thirteen members present at any meeting of the Board of Managers shall be a quorum.

The Board shall have authority to solicit and receive funds for the publication and distribution of tracts.

ARTICLE V

CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES

There shall be one Corresponding Secretary, who shall be the executive officer of the Board of Foreign Missions, and a First Assistant Corresponding Secretary, both of whom shall be elected by the General Conference quadrennially.

They shall be subject to the direction of the Board of Managers and their salaries, which shall be fixed by the Board of Managers, shall be paid out of the treasury. They shall be employed exclusively in conducting the correspondence of the Board, in furnishing the Church with missionary intelligence, in supervising the Foreign Missionary work of the Church, and by correspondence, traveling, and otherwise in promoting the general interests of the cause.

ARTICLE VI

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The officers to be elected by the Board shall be chosen and hold their office for the term of one year, or until their successors shall be elected; or, if a vacancy occurs during the year by death, resignation, or otherwise, it may be filled at any regular meeting of the Board. The first election of each quadrennium shall be held at the regular meeting of the Board next succeeding the General Conference.

ARTICLE VII

PRESIDING OFFICER

At all meetings of the Board the President, or, in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, and in the absence of the President and all of the Vice-Presidents, a member appointed by the meeting for the purpose shall preside. The minutes of each meeting shall be signed by the Chairman of the meeting at which the same are read and approved, and by the Recording Secretary.

ARTICLE VIII

SPECIAL GIFTS

Credit shall be given for special gifts from any Charge when said Charge, including the Sunday School, shall have raised its full apportionment for the Board of Foreign Missions, and such special donations shall be received by the Board for the specified purpose. Special donations shall be applied in full to the purposes designated by the donors, but shall be included in estimating the cost of collection and administration.

Nevertheless, whenever a charge or an individual or group of individuals in any Charge shall support entirely one of our Missionaries in the foreign field, who is a regularly appointed Missionary of the Board, and assigned to the Charge, the entire amount may be credited, irrespective of apportionments.

ARTICLE IX

SUPPORT OF SUPERANNUATED AND OTHER MISSIONARIES

The Board may provide for the support of Superannuated Missionaries, widows and orphans of Missionaries, who may not be provided for by their Annual Conferences, respectively; provided, they shall not receive more than is usually allowed Superannuated Ministers, their widows and orphans, in home Conferences.

No one shall be acknowledged a Missionary or receive support as such from the funds of the Board of Foreign Missions who has not been approved by the Board of Managers, and been assigned to some definite field, except as above provided. Ministerial Missionaries shall be constituted by the joint action of a General Superintendent and the Board. Lay Missionaries shall be appointed by the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution shall be subject to amendment or alteration only by the General Conference.

METHODS OF PROCEDURE OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

(Adopted in November, 1907, and Amended in November, 1909)

Before making appropriations the General Committee shall hear, 1, the report of the treasurer; 2, the reports of the corresponding secretaries.

I. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

1. The total appropriation for all purposes, except the liquidation of the debt, shall be first determined. At the close of all other appropriations, an appropriation for the liquidation of debt may be added.

2. Appropriations shall next be made for supplementary purposes, and for collection, administration, and miscellaneous expenses, and the remainder shall be available for division among the several missions.

3. The General Committee may next set set aside a sum for property, to be divided among the missions after appropriations for the work have been made.

II. ORDER OF APPROPRIATIONS

I. The missions shall be classified in six divisions, as follows:

(I)	Eastern Asia.	(3)	Africa.	(5)	Mexico.
(2)	Southern Asia.	(4)	South America.	(6)	Europe.

2. The chair shall appoint a committee to nominate, for confirmation by the General Committee, the following special committees: (1) A committee to distribute among the six divisions the amount available for the work and for property for the consideration of the General Committee; (2) A committee for each division who shall divide the sum assigned to that division to the several missions belonging thereto. The committee for each division shall consist of two bishops, two ministers and two laymen from the district representatives, two board representatives, and a representative from the office to be designated by the corresponding secretaries; (3) a committee of general reference.

3. In making appropriations the several divisions shall be taken up consecutively in the order named, in 1907, and thereafter the consideration shall begin with the division immediately succeeding that with which the consideration began the previous year. Reconsideration of appropriations shall not be in order until the entire list has been completed.

4. The corresponding secretaries shall present the recommendations of the committees of the board of managers relating to appropriations.

III. RULES, AMENDMENTS, ETC.

I. The rules of the General Conference, so far as they apply, shall be the rules of the General Committee, but the time allowed to any speaker shall not exceed ten minutes unless it shall be extended by action of the General Committee.

2. Any of these rules may be suspended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting.



